

ADMITS FEDERALS AT TAMPICO ARE BEING OVERCOME

Government Officials Concede
Superiority of Rebels There—
Salazar's Son Kidnaped—
Huerta Makes New Offer.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 20.—Pres. Huerta of Mexico has offered to resign on certain conditions, according to information received Saturday from an authentic source. His proposition was made known to Pres. Wilson but the American government refused to accept the terms.

The five-year-old son of Gen. Jos. Salazar, the Mexican federal leader whom Gen. Villa threatened to hang in Chihuahua, as a traitor, has been kidnapped and is held for \$5,000 ransom. It developed Saturday.

The child was taken from his mother, who had sought refuge in the United States after the retreat of the federal forces from Chihuahua.

She received a letter Saturday saying the boy would be tortured unless the ransom was paid at once. Senora Salazar accused followers of Gen. Villa of kidnapping the boy, but the constitutionalists junta disclaims responsibility.

FEDERALS ARE LOSING.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—That government troops are being worsted in a second battle at Tampico is indicated by reports received here Saturday. The war department admits that the rebels have captured the outskirts of the city.

Only fragmentary reports of the fighting have been received here but these show that the rebel troops led by Gen. Aguilar and Gen. Blanco number 8,000 men, reinforcements having been received from Victoria. The rebels have about 5,000 men.

Despite the news of reverses in the early fighting, Gen. Blanquet, minister of war, asserted this morning that the federal garrisons would be able to prevent the capture of the port.

Americans and other foreigners in the capital are becoming more anxious daily as the Zapata rebels continue their attacks on towns surrounding Mexico City. Gen. Huerta is leaving nothing undone now to preserve amicable relations with the U. S. By his order three Americans who had been held on flimsy charges were released Saturday.

Replying to Change O'Shaughnessy Gen. Huerta said: "You tell me these are cases of persecution. I won't have such practices as long as I am president." He then invited O'Shaughnessy to go automobiling with him. The invitation was accepted.

TO RELEASE AMERICANS.
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—By appealing directly to Gen. Huerta Friday, Nelson O'Shaughnessy, American charge d'affaires, obtained from him almost immediately unequivocal consent to the release of three Americans now in jail, whose liberation has long been delayed by legal maneuvers.

The men ordered set free by Gen. Huerta are H. J. Kidder, William Krause and John Parker.

It developed apparently that Gen. Huerta had known nothing of the incarceration of the men or efforts that had been made by Mr. O'Shaughnessy to procure their release.

WAIT FOR CARRANZA.

JUAREZ, Mex., Dec. 20.—The situation in northern Mexico Friday appeared to be one of waiting, so far as military operations were concerned. Gen. Villa and his rebel forces at Chihuahua was waiting for word where he was to be joined by Gen. Carranza, the head of the revolution, who is now at Hermosillo.

**SAYS WIFE WISHED
THAT HE WERE DEAD**

Lineman On Stand in Divorce
Case Testifies Main Domestic
Trouble Was Wife's At-
tendance at Public Dances.

Declaring that his wife repeatedly told him that she wished he were dead, Orlay Clinton Vayhinger, a lineman, testified in support of the cross complaint he filed in his divorce suit of his wife, Laura Van Gundy, before Acting Judge Seebert in the superior court Saturday.

The decree was held up pending the examination of further jurisdictional witnesses. Mrs. Van Gundy complained to appear to prosecute her complaint in which she charged cruelty, and Van Gundy asked for the divorce on his cross complaint of adultery.

Van Gundy declared the main cause of trouble in their domestic relations was Mrs. Gundy's insistence on attending public dances. He never danced himself, he said, but allowed his wife to attend to have a good time, and did not object until he thought she was paying too much attention to one particular man.

He said he thought more of his home than dancing and that his wife told him repeatedly that he need not call to take her home. When he remonstrated against her attentions of one of the men Van Gundy said his wife retorted repeatedly that she wished he would be brought home a corpse some day. Her attitude disturbed him considerably when he was working among the wires at the top of a telephone pole, the lineman testified.

Victoria Kovacs testified that Paul Kovacs failed to provide for her or their children and that he came home drunk often and cursed the entire family.

CHINA'S GREATEST "MAN OF LETTERS"



Chang Ypan Chi is the greatest publisher in China. He controls the literary department of the biggest publishing house in Asia. Chang, who has spent several years abroad, has had a career which is the envy of every Chinaman. His father had been a distinguished official in the Chekiang province, and Chang early in life showed that he would be a man of letters. There are three scholarship degrees in China—or there were before the old style examination was abolished—and he has the distinction of having risen from the lowest to the highest, winning the highest scholastic degree his country could offer him comparatively early in life.

BILL FOR U. S. TO TAKE OVER PHONE SYSTEMS IN 1915

Right on Heels of Bell Co.'s Offer to Divorce Western Union—Radical Resolution Appears in House.

LONDONVILLE, Va., Dec. 20.—"We have no fear of absorption of telephone and telegraph lines by the government now."

This was the statement made here Saturday by Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone & Telegraph company and the Western Union Telegraph Co., which are to be segregated according to an agreement made with the government.

Mr. Vail promised the freest competition in the telephone field.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Right on the heels of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co.'s voluntary offer to divorce itself from control of the Western Union, a direct move in the proposed plan for government ownership of the wire lines, was made in the house Saturday.

A resolution directing the postoffice committee of the house to consider and report a bill "for the purpose of vesting in the U. S. a monopoly of the function for communication for hire by electricity with certain exceptions" was introduced by Rep. Lewis of Maryland. This is the forerunner of the bill to be offered by Chairman Moon of the postoffice committee providing for government ownership and operation of telephone and telegraph.

The resolution sets forth that the conveyance of communications is a postal function and has been vested by the constitution in the government of the U. S. with the object of providing the people with the cheapest and most extensive service feasible. It declares that postal rates on letters in the U. S. are among the lowest in the world while the rates for messages by wire through private agencies are among the highest.

Take Action in 1915.
The resolution provides that the bill to be reported from the house committee shall provide for the appropriation directly by statute of the telephone except farmers' lines on land, and in 1915. They are to be taken in charge by the postmaster general, the property to be appraised by the interstate commerce commission.

Atty. Gen. McReynolds Friday night made public details of an agreement (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)

STATE W.C.T.U. HEAD IS INJURED IN RUNAWAY

Mrs. Culla J. Vayhinger and Husband Figure in Accident.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Culla J. Vayhinger, president of the Indiana W. C. T. U., was cut about the head and badly bruised in a runaway accident here today. Her husband, Dr. Monroe Vayhinger, president of Taylor university at Upland, was slightly injured.

Mrs. Vayhinger has been president of the state W. C. T. U. for 10 years, having been elected for her tenth term during the state convention held in South Bend in October. She is well known among South Bend members of the W. C. T. U. and a new chapter of the union, organized after the convention this fall, bears her name.

CIGARET WAS DANGEROUS.

LAUREL, Del., Dec. 20.—After cleaning his trousers with gasoline, Merrill Thompson, a clerk, put them on, sat down and dropped a lit cigarette on his knee. An explosion followed and he was badly burned.

CHURCHES BEGIN CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS EARLY

Sunday Will See Elaborate
Services in Many Churches
With Special Music—Children's
Entertainments During
Week.

Christmas programs will be presented at nearly every church in the city Sunday, when the pastors, assisted by the church choirs, will furnish special services in observance of the day. Later in the week they will have entertainments with Christmas trees and special programs.

Many cantatas and entertainments for children are being planned, and Santa Claus will be busy nearly every night up to Christmas.

St. Paul's Memorial M. E. church will lead off with an entertainment Tuesday night, when it is planned to have the church beautifully decorated in Christmas trimmings and a program will be given. Every one will bring an offering and the entertainment will be known as "Gifts to the King" night. The pastor will be robed in white to represent a king, and will have a court of 25 robed attendants, and it is planned to have every one who attends march to the altar with gifts for the king.

Sunday the pastor, Rev. James L. Gardner, will deliver a Christmas sermon in the morning, using "Heaven's Song for the East" as his theme, and in the evening he has selected the story of "The Other Wise Man" as his subject, as it is portrayed in Henry Van Dyke's book.

A cantata "Going to the King", by Dudley Buck, will be presented at the First Methodist church and 35 voices will take part in the two entertainments Sunday.

The morning program is as follows: Organ prelude, "Andantino in D Flat", Lemare; chorus anthem, "There Were Shepherds", Foster, and "The Town of Bethlehem", Neidinger; offertory, "Christmas Sketch", von Holst; solo, "No Candle Was There and No Fire", Liza Lehmann, Mr. Griffith; response, "The Lord Bless and Keep You, With Seven-Fold Amen", Lutz; postlude march, Dubois.

Have Strong Program.
The evening service will consist of the presentation of the cantata with Dr. Charles S. Ebersbury as organist. Solo parts will be taken by Miss Verle McCormick, soprano, of Knox, Ind.; Louis T. McCullough, tenor, of Mishawaka; Mrs. N. P. Kelb, regular soprano soloist of the choir; Mrs. Geo. Wendell, contralto; Mrs. L. Macht, contralto; Miss Esther, contralto. Dr. Frank D. Hager will sing the part of Herod, and Geo. C. Thurn, bass, will sing the part of the king. Hal G. Van Aiken, violinist, will assist throughout the service. The choir is assisted in the tenor by F. Curtice Koss and Jas. R. Kers. The regular members of the choir are:

Soprano—Mrs. N. P. Kelb, Miss Clara Ehrhardt, Miss Mary Casey, Mrs. M. B. Griffith, Mrs. F. D. Hager, Miss Mildred Timm, Mrs. Anna A. Taylor, Mrs. Miss Esther Taylor, Miss Nancy Roberts, Miss Cora Lindahl, Miss Alma Reed, Miss Ethel Aldrich. Tenor—S. W. Nicholson, Homer Fassnacht, T. A. Dice, Mr. Napper. Bass—Dr. F. D. Hager, Kenneth (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)

POST OFFICES TO BE OPEN SUNDAY?

Assistant Postmaster General
Says Experiment of Six
Days' Opening Has Not Been
Success.

The law prohibiting the opening of postoffices and the delivery of mail on Sunday has added largely to the cost of the postal service and "materially lessens its efficiency," according to the annual report of Daniel C. Roper, first assistant postmaster general, made public Friday.

Mr. Roper suggests that it would be in the interest of both the service and employees to amend the law so as to authorize Sunday work and grant compensatory time off to employees assigned to Sunday duty.

The experimental delivery of mail in Republican has been a failure, Mr. Roper reports, and he recommends that the service be discontinued. He also recommends that the compensation of rural mail carriers be changed from a mileage to an eight-hour basis, and that the carriers be permitted to deliver mail regardless of the distance from the postoffice or the corporate limits of the town.

He also strongly urges that many small independent postoffices be discontinued and re-established as stations of nearby large offices.

General approval to the operation of the eight-hour law is given by Mr. Roper. The schedules of 60,000 employees have been adjusted to the law though it has been necessary in many instances either to work clerks overtime, or to employ an auxiliary force at 30 cents an hour.

The report estimates that 200,000,000 parcel post packages were handled during the first six months of the system's operation. Methods of handling parcel post mail have been practically standardized, with a result of a material reduction in the cost.

THE REAL SANTA CLAUS.



Silk Stockings Bring in Many Dollars to Babies Dispensary

CHRISTMAS TREES AND TURKEYS HERE

Holiday Shopping Active On
Public Market With Likeli-
hood That Turkey Prices Will
Go High By Thursday.

A gradual increase in the price of poultry during the past two weeks which threatens to send the cost of the big Christmas dinner soaring higher than ever this year, brought out the latest winter crowd of economical housewives and salesmen to the public market Saturday of the season.

Poultry which during the past few days has been coming in slow at the city sales place, was the chief ware of the market. At present the prices range about the 23 cent mark for Mr. Turk, dressed and ready for the cook. This is the point at which the price rested Thanksgiving time at its high mark.

But few of the dressed birds were brought to the market so far, most of them being presented alive. Every fowl sold will be good, as the city health department is keeping careful watch for spoiled meat. The live turkeys were selling Saturday morning for 20 cents a pound. Chickens were selling at 13 cents live and 20 cents dressed. Geese and ducks were selling at 18 cents live weight and 26 cents dressed.

Scores of Christmas trees were brought in Saturday also by farmers and many a housewife went home with a Christmas tree tucked under one arm and a live turkey under the other. Most of the Christmas trees were of the home-grown cedar variety, although some of the regulation pine trees have been shipped in from the north.

Nearly one in every ten families in the city will have Christmas trees this year and it is estimated that over 2,500 will be sold here.

In preparing her dainty Christmas dinner the cook will be able to secure cranberries at the usual price which will range between 10 and 15 cents, depending on the grade. Other provisions can be secured at approximately the usual costs.

MAY BE COLD WEATHER IN CHRISTMAS WEEK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Christmas weather is likely to be unsettled, the government forecasters say. While they are not yet able to predict exactly whether Christmas day will be cold or warm, stormy or calm, the experts are reasonably certain that there will be a change next week over practically all the country from the pleasant weather which has been prevailing during the past ten days.

NELSON MORRIS' DAUGHTER SUES FOR A DIVORCE

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Maud Morris Schwab, daughter of the late Nelson Morris, filed suit for divorce here from Henry C. Schwab, vice president of a large department store. Mrs. Schwab charges desertion and asked that she be given the custody of their ten-year-old son, Henry Charles.

Earliest Mails Bring Response to News-Times Latest Ap- peal in Behalf of Babies.

Scarcely had the mail man made his first delivery Saturday morning when two little pink silk stockings, addressed to the "Babies' Health, Strength and Happiness Fund" were returned to the News-Times office containing crisp bills for the babies' Christmas gift. By noon four more had arrived, and the prospect that the "pink stocking campaign" will bring in the best results of any method yet tried in the effort to raise money for the dispensary.

The first stocking to arrive contained a dollar bill from "A friend," and the second, \$2.25 from the office employees of the George Cutter Co. The others contained various sums but bore no names of the senders.

With "Health, Strength and Happiness for the Babies" as its slogan, the "pink stocking campaign" was launched Friday afternoon by the News-Times.

Its purpose is to raise the present dispensary fund to an adequate sum by Christmas day.

Following a suggestion made by Miss Anna B. Coushaine, recently in the city in the interests of Epworth hospital, the News-Times Friday sent out through the mails 600 cards bearing a plea for the babies. On each card is a tiny pink stocking in which the contribution is to be placed and addressed to the "Babies' Health, Strength and Happiness fund", News-Times office.

A similar campaign conducted by Miss Coushaine in Buffalo raised \$13,000 in three days for a children's hospital.

What will it do for the babies of South Bend?

Only \$1,700 has been raised thus far, \$300 less than is required to run the dispensary one year. Yet the dispensary association hopes to build a little cottage which will cost not less than \$5,000.

Cards Bear Two Pictures.

The cards sent out yesterday bear two pictures, one of a tiny baby, poor and sickly, its little head drooping on one side, its mouth gasping and its eyes listless—the type of baby for whom the dispensary exists—the other of a chubby, laughing youngster, with life written in its dimpled cheek and dancing eyes. Between the pictures is placed the little pink stocking and around them is printed the explanation, "This baby is puny, sick and poorly nourished. The money you place in the stocking will make her bright, chubby and healthy like this one. Help the News-Times to give the dispensary babies the greatest gifts in the world—health, strength and happiness. Put the money in the stocking and address it to the 'Babies' Health, strength and happiness fund', News-Times office."

A contribution of \$25 from the Ladies Aid society of the First Presbyterian church, the high school gift of \$30, and \$7.16 from the toy contest made a substantial increase in the fund Friday.

With the closing of the schools for the Christmas holidays, zest will be added to the toy contest, for from now until Christmas eve when the contest closes, the boys and girls will be free to head all their efforts upon earning one of the beautiful toys and at the same time to help the babies.

The interest of the children in the welfare of the babies has been one touching feature throughout the campaign for the dispensary fund. A tiny girl slipped to the office Saturday morning with 50 cents in an envelope addressed "For the dispensary babies from a little friend," and

FIND PLACES FOR PARTY CAUCUSES

Six Chairmen Locate Meetings
to Choose Delegates to Dem-
ocratic District Convention
to Choose Chairman.

Locations for the democratic caucuses in six of the seven wards of the city, were announced Saturday by County Secy. J. Elmer Peake, on advice of ward chairmen, the caucuses to be held Friday evening, Dec. 26, as called by County Chairman Zinky, Thursday. The purpose is to choose delegates to a district convention to be held in South Bend, Dec. 29, at which a new district chairman and member of the state central committee will be elected.

The locations follow:
First Ward—Turner hall; George Oltsch, chairman.
Second Ward—Linden school; Claude Gillis, chairman.
Third Ward—James Butler, chairman. Place not named.
Fourth Ward—Maennerchor hall; Andrew Traeger, chairman.
Fifth Ward—Democratic headquarters in American bldg.; August Bauer, chairman.
Sixth Ward—Warsaw hall; Frank A. Witucki, chairman.
Seventh Ward—Elder school; James A. McCullough, chairman.

C. W. Smith, proprietor of the Warsaw Union, published at Warsaw, Kosciusko county, has been announced a candidate for the district chairmanship, also Lemuel Darrow of Laporte, Laporte county, and N. C. Stevens of Plymouth, Marshall county. D. M. Bechtel of Gosport, who was a candidate for the district chairmanship against P. J. Krueyer, the present incumbent, is said to have announced that he would not make the race again.

WHEN ONE CARDINAL DIES, THEN THREE DIE

ROME, Dec. 20.—The condition of Cardinal Sebastian Martinelli, former papal delegate to the U. S., showed a slight improvement Saturday.

In connection with the prelate's illness, superstitious Italians are recalling the ancient saying that "when one cardinal dies three die."

Cardinals Oreglia and Rampolla recently passed away.

DANBURY-HATTERS CASE UP TO SUPREME COURT

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 20.—John B. Lennon, treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, announced Saturday that the Danbury hatters' case would be immediately appealed to the supreme court.

There is not enough money in the treasury to pay the judgment, he says, and special assessments will be ordered should the hatters again lose.

Another 50 cents representing the good will of the little children of the 4A grade of the Henry Studebaker school was also a welcome gift.

DOESN'T LOOK FOR EARLY AGREEMENT ON CURRENCY BILL

Chairman Glass of House Com-
mittee Expects Considerable
Discussion Between House
and Senate Conferees.

BULLETIN.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The house Saturday refused by a vote of 265 to 52 to concur in the senate amendments to the currency bill and ordered the measure sent to conference.—Rep. Murry of Oklahoma made the motion to accept the senate bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The administration currency bill, fresh from Friday night's victory in the senate, was laid before the house Saturday as soon as that body convened. Chairman Glass of the house committee moved at once that the house disagree to all senate amendments and end the bill to conference.

Minority Leader Mann asked Glass about the prospects for an immediate agreement.

"I say frankly," Glass replied, "I do not see any chance for an immediate agreement."

"You don't think you will be able to report back to the house late today?" asked Mann.

"I certainly do not," replied Rep. Glass, who resents the action of the senate in appointing so many conferees on the bill, asserting that with practically the full membership of the two banking and currency committees acting, the conference will resemble a town meeting. Glass was still pessimistic when Rep. Murdock asked if there was a chance for an agreement Monday.

"I am sure I do not know," he responded. Other members were more confident, however.

"We shall make the measure a Christmas present for the president," said a prominent democrat representative, who will give his support to the bill as it passed the senate.

"Matters of difference will be rapidly sorted out and within a few days the bill will be in the hands of Mr. Wilson."

Up to Conference.
The fight now centers in the conference between the senate and house committee. There are 12 of these, divided as follows:
Senate: Democrats—Owen, O'Gorman, Reed, Pomerene, Shafroth and Hollis.
Republicans—Nelson, Bristow and Crawford.
House: Democrats—Glass and Korbly.
Republicans—Hayes.

Total democrats, 8; total republicans, 4. The republicans, outnumbered two to one, will be unable to halt the bill and as a matter of fact, will be marred from the working sessions, so it will be up to the dominant party alone to whip the measure into shape for submission to the president.

The final vote on the bill in the senate Friday night was 54 to 34. For the bill, 54; against, 34. For improvement and amendment of the measure to the last, divided when the final vote came. Sen. Hitchcock, who had led the opposition to the bill, returned to the democratic ranks and Sen. Weeks, one of the leaders on the republican side, with five other republicans and Sen. Poinchrest (progressive) voted for the passage of the measure.

The adoption of the administration bill, known as the "Owen bill" followed. (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)

URGES PRIMARY TO NAME SUCCESSOR

Rep. Barnhart Suggests Popu-
lar Vote for Nomination If
He is a Candidate for Re-
election.

Special to News-Times.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Pleased with a letter he had received from Dist. Chairman Peter J. Krueyer of his home district to the effect he had advised primary elections for the selection of delegates to the bi-annual party reorganization, Cong. Henry A. Barnhart, of the 13th Indiana district, has wired his congratulations.

The congressman states that in the event of his being a candidate for reelection, and in case there is any opposition, he will favor a primary election for the nomination of congressman in every county in the district, and urges that county, legislative and judicial tickets be nominated at the same time.

"I would be willing to bear my share of the expense," the congressman declares, and urges "that the primary be governed by rules similar to the state election laws. Make all the nominations on the same day and it will attract a full vote and will save the voters much time which would otherwise be lost in electing delegates or attending conventions."

The hint that Barnhart may be a candidate for reelection, is the first since his return to Washington last March.

GREW RICH LENDING TO HARVARD MEN—IS DEAD

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 20.—Farnard "Fay" Bennett, known throughout the country and Europe as Harvard's famous money lender, died suddenly at his home early Saturday. He amassed a fortune by money lending.